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INTERNATIONAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT IDENTITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide International Mobile Equipment Identities (IMEI) to the subscribers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) is not provided by the Government to the subscribers. IMEI is allocated by GSMA (Global System for Mobile Association) appointed agents to mobile handset manufacturer. The subscriber can retrieve the IMEI from the handset. It is also usually found printed on the phone underneath the battery.